



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://LACCW.lacounty.gov>**

Monday, July 11, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-3527)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Vice President Ana Maria Garcia, Treasurer Nancy Cohen Ph.D.,
Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix,
Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds,
Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Barbara
Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Imelda Padilla, Commissioner
Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,
Commissioner Lindsay Louie and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

Call to Order. (16-3423)

Vice President Ana Maria Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the regular meeting of June 13, 2016. (16-3424)

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Maria Calix, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Vice President Ana Maria Garcia, Treasurer Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Imelda Padilla and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

Excused: 4 - President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, Commissioner Lindsay Louie and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

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II. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation and overview regarding the mission the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (C.A.S.T.) and the services that they are providing to the people of Los Angeles County.

- Stephanie Molen, Director of Partnerships, C.A.S.T. (16-3426)

Stephanie Molen, Director of Partnerships, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the services that they are providing to the people of Los Angeles County. Ms. Molen stated that CAST is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1998 in the wake of the El Monte sweatshop case, where 72 Thai garment workers were kept for eight years in slavery and debt bondage. Upon their release and under the leadership of CAST's founder Dr. Kathryn McMahon, a group of concerned community activists realized something needed to be done to address the re-emergence of slavery.

With this in mind, CAST was created in 1998, with Little Tokyo Service Center as its fiscal agent, to provide intensive case management, comprehensive services, and advocacy to survivors healing from the unspeakable violence endured during slavery. Today, CAST is a

multi-ethnic, multi-lingual human rights organization located in Los Angeles that has been nationally and internationally recognized for its dedication to the identification of trafficking survivors, the mobilization of all sectors of the community to identify and advocate against trafficking, and the provision of direct services for victims. CAST was recognized as the first shelter for survivors of human trafficking.

She further stated that clients come from 59 countries as trafficking is the largest and fastest growing crime in the world. There are currently sixty persons in the survivor program; in house lawyers assist in obtaining the victims of trafficking criminal records expunged, and obtain a three year temporary visa which allows them to stay in the United States and also receive necessary treatment. Some clients stay with CAST from three to seven years.

Ms. Molen also stated that CAST has a 24 hour hotline, the organization works in conjunction with various law enforcement agencies to combat slavery and trafficking. She concluded by stating that she would provide statistical data regarding follow-up/ status of former clients.

The Commission thanked Ms. Molen for her informative and insightful presentation and informed her that the CW is open to collaborating with CAST in the near future.

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III. REPORTS

3. President's Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3437)

There was no report presented.

4. Executive Committee Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3427)

Vice President Garcia reported that the Executive Committee met on June 20, 2016

5. Staff Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3428)

Staff reported that Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich will attend the Commission's September 12, 2016 meeting, to be acknowledged for his many years of support of the Commission for Women (CW).

Commissioner Aoki Hyatt reported that she spoke with Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe regarding the CW's invitation to be acknowledged at a future meeting for his support of their work.

Commissioner Lesser suggested that once confirmed, the CW should consider inviting former Fourth District Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg to the meeting that Supervisor Knabe will be attending.

6. Education Committee Report for July 11, 2016.

- **Update on the 2016 Scholarship Program (16-3429)**

Vice President Garcia reported that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors presentation of the CW's 2016 Resilience Scholarship awardees will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Four scholarship awardees confirmed their attendance. Second District awardee Lucero Noyola is unable to attend due to her summer internship commitment. Supervisor Hilda Solis will participate in the morning program and present a scroll to the scholarship recipients during the Board meeting.

Commissioners Calix, Govine, ED.D., Aoki-Hyatt, Lesser, Louie, Padilla, Rodriguez and Shevlin confirmed that they will attend the Scholarship Presentation and Program.

7. Health Committee Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3439)

Commissioner Lesser reported that the Health Committee's next meeting will be held on July 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Beach Cities Health District Administrative Office in Redondo Beach, CA.

8. Public Relations and Social Media Committee Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3440)

There was no report presented.

9. Policy and Legislation Committee Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3430)

Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D., reported that the Policy and Legislation Committee met on Friday, July 8, 2016 and discussed the policies and procedures and internal processes relative to the CW. The Committee will make its recommendations to the full Commission for inclusion on the August 8, 2016 Retreat agenda.

10. Violence Against Women and Girls Committee Report for July 11, 2016. (16-3431)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Violence Against Women and Girls Committee met on June 23, 2016 and provided an update on the Homelessness Initiative, Domestic Violence Sub-Committee and the Blue Shield of Los Angeles Regional Domestic Planning Group's survey on domestic violence. She also discussed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and their goals to ensure improvement to protect victims of domestic violence. She added that DCFS is planning to hold a joint meeting with CW and other Commissions to identify are possible overlapping duties and opportunities to collaborate.

11. Update on the ACCW annual conference held on June 25, 2016.

- Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds (16-3432)

Commissioner Hinds provided an update on the Association of California Commission for Women's (ACCW) conference held on June 25, 2016. She stated that the event was positive and a great success. There were forty attendees representing the various California Commissions. Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D., was elected as the ACCW's Southern California representative for 2016-2018. The Women's Bureau and the Department of Labor gave presentations on their respective department's efforts to collect data and bring about fairness and equality for women.

Commissioner Hinds thanked everyone for their hard work behind the scenes to make the event successful.

IV. DISCUSSION

12. Discussion and approval of additional funds to cover the cost of parking at the Association of California Commissions for Women's conference held on June 25, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$100. (16-3469)

On motion of Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

13. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the logistics, refreshments and finalizing the agenda for the CW Retreat Meeting scheduled to be held on August 8, 2016. (16-3433)

The Commission held a brief discussion regarding the Retreat. Vice President Garcia stated that immediately following the Commission's regular meeting on August 8, 2016, the Commission will host its Retreat Meeting in Conference Room 140 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments will be served. President Petrossian will schedule a meeting with the CW's Working group to discuss items that will be placed on the August 8, 2016 Retreat agenda. She encouraged the Commissioners to submit to the Executive Committee for consideration any specific items that they would like to discuss at the Retreat meeting. She also asked current Committee Chairs to prepare a report regarding their Committee's work over the past year and submit the report to staff for inclusion in materials for the meeting and for distribution to the CW.

Staff was directed to forward the sample format for Committee reports to the CW.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

14. Commissioners' announcements on items related to the work of the Commission for Women's Commission. (16-3434)

Commissioners made the following announcements:

- **Commissioner Kappos attended the United State of Women Summit in Washington, DC, in June 2016; Office of Violence meeting and also participated in a California Casa meeting.**
- **Commissioner Hinds and Treasurer Cohen, Ph.D, will serve as delegates at the Democratic National Convention.**
- **Commissioner Govine, Ed.D. shared that her third poetry book has been published.**
- **Commissioner Lesser shared that the church she is a member of is hiring former victims of human trafficking. She also shared that the U.S. Surgeon General spoke at a Beach Cities Blue Zone event.**

Matters Not Posted

15. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-3435)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-3436)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

17. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, July 11, 2016. (16-3471)

There being no further business, Vice President Garcia adjourned the meeting of July 11, 2016 at 11:48 a.m.